

REMARKS:

The above-referenced office action stated that the claims on file were directed to two inventions:

Group I, claims 1-38, directed to a method for expressing in a plant a heterologous glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase that is less sensitive to feedback inhibition than wild-type glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase; and

Group II, claim 39, drawn to a vector for genetically transforming a plant which comprises DNA encoding a protein having glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase activity.

As the examiner can see, group I claims have been elected at this time.

In addition, new claims 40 and 41 have been added. It is noted that these claims are dependent on claim 1 and are also directed to methods for expressing in a plant glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase. Support for claim 40 may be found at least at page 6, lines 19-24 and support for claim 41 may be found at least at page 9, lines 9-13.

The non-elected claim is withdrawn without prejudice and applicant hereby reserves the right to pursue this claim or claims of similar scope in a divisional application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$100 to our deposit account 01-0310 as fees for two additional claims in excess of 20 (large entity).

We look forward to receipt of the first office action for this application.

Respectfully submitted

Jitao Zou

PER: 

Michael R. Williams
Registration 45,333

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
Telephone (204) 947-1429 - FAX (204) 942-5723

CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the United States
Patent and Trademark Office, Fax No. (571) 273-8300, on March 17, 2005



Michael R. Williams